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## HOUSE BILL NO. 917

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HINSON (Sponsor) AND KELLY (24) (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS. Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To repeal section 321.687, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to consolidation of fire districts in St. Louis County.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 321.687, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 321.687, to read as follows:

321.687. [In any county of the first class with a charter form of government containing a population of nine hundred thousand or more, if two or more fire districts] All fire protection districts and municipal fire districts in any county with a charter form of government and with more than one million inhabitants shall consolidate as prescribed by sections 321.460 to 321.470[, the new board of directors will consist of five members] upon the approval of the voters of the county. If, upon canvass and declaration, it is found and determined that a majority of the voters [of the districts] voting on the propositions have voted in favor of the proposition to incorporate the consolidated district, then the court shall then further, in its order, designate the first board of directors of the consolidated district, who have been elected by the voters voting thereon as [follows: The one receiving the fifth highest number of votes to hold 10 office for a term of at least one year, the one receiving the fourth highest number of votes to hold 11 12 office for a term of at least two years, the one receiving the third highest number of votes to hold office for a term of at least three years and the two receiving the second and first highest number 13 of votes to hold office for a term of at least four years from the date of the election of the board 15 of directors and until their successors are duly elected and qualified] **provided in this section.** The consolidated fire district board of directors shall consist of nine members selected by 17 the voters, with two members elected at-large to serve terms of four years, and the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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 $18 \quad \textbf{remaining seven members elected from the seven county council districts, with one member}$ 

- 19 from each district, with one of such members to serve a term of one year, three of such
- 20 members to serve terms of two years, and three of such members to serve terms of three
- 21 years. Thereafter, members of the board shall be elected to serve terms of four years and until
- 22 their successors are duly elected and qualified.